



Preface

The papers included in this special issue were selected from those presented at DISC'98, held in Andros, Greece. The authors were invited to submit full journal versions, which then went through the usual review process of TCS. Extended abstracts of all the presented papers appeared in Springer's Lecture Notes in Computer Science Springer, Berlin series, No. 1499. In selecting the papers we used our personal preferences. At the same time, we attempted to choose high quality papers that, we feel, give the reader a taste of the variety of subjects covered.

In 1998, the name WDAG (Workshop on Distributed Algorithms) was changed to DISC (The International Symposium on DIStributed Computing) to reflect the expansion from a workshop to a symposium, as well as the expansion of the area of interest. DISC aims to reflect the exciting and rapid developments in the field of distributed computing in general. This is a very challenging goal because of the explosion in the number of people working in this field, the number of new sub-fields, and the number, as well as the impact, of the new applications of distributed computing.

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